

Zackios, Foreign Minister; and Judge James H. Plasman, Chairman, Nuclear Claims Tribunal; David Bearden, Analyst in Environmental Policy, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Walsh.

#### U.S. JET TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled "The U.S. Jet Transport Industry: Global Market Factors Affecting U.S. Producers." Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Bogosian, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manufacturing, Department of Commerce; Ambassador Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U. S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 717, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used; H.R. 745, Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2005; and H.R. 1207, Department of Veterans Affairs Work-Study Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson and Sodrel; Jack McCoy, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alexander Keenan, Director, National Training Center, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; a representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

#### IRAN BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counter-Intelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Iran. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—CIA HUMINT TRAINING NEEDS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counter-Intelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing on CIA Humint Training Needs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### KOSOVO

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Committee concluded a hearing to examine human rights concerns in Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Soren Jessen-Petersen, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General and Head of United Nations Mission in Kosovo; and Charles L. English, Director, Office of South Central European Affairs, Department of State.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the report to Congress on international economic and exchange rate policies, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation capacity and congestion challenges regarding summer 2005 and future demand, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to oil and gas, and incentives for innovative technology, and other related issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Sean Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, 10:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the 21st century workplace, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the container security initiative and the customs-trade partnership against terrorism, focusing on how Customs utilizes container security initiative and customs trade partnership against terrorism in connection with its other enforcement programs and review the requirements for and challenges involved in transitioning these from promising risk management concepts to effective and sustained enforcement operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine federal funding for private research and development, focusing on effectiveness of federal financing of private research and development, and whether some of these programs result in the development of new technologies or displace private investment, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S.852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, pending nominations, and committee rules for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine the need for comprehensive immigration reform relating to the national economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine challenges facing the VA claims adjudication and appeal process, 2 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 9 a.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following measures:

the Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act; and H.R. 697, Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on the Administration's Clear Skies Initiative, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Threat of and Planning for Pandemic Flu," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on the DTV Transition Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The First Line of Defense: The Role of Financial Institutions in Detecting Financial Crimes," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to mark up H.R. 2565, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy and to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues; followed by a hearing entitled "Federal Student Loan Program: Are They Meeting the Needs of Students and Schools?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Building a Nuclear Bomb: Identifying Early Indicators of Terrorist Activities," 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration,* to mark up H.R. 1316, 527 Fairness Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007; and H. Res. 199, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and Northeast Asia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Section 505 and 804. Section 505 of the Act Addresses National Security Letters; Section 804 of the Act Addresses Jurisdiction Over Crimes Committed at U.S. Facilities Abroad; and Material Witness Provisions of the Criminal Code, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on Public Access within the National Wildlife Refuge System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, joint hearing on Does China Enact Barriers to Fair Trade? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the Tax-Exempt Hospital Sector, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.